

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for enhancing a hyperlink, the method comprising:
displaying a toolbar if a pointer is proximate the hyperlink for a time period which exceeds a predetermined time, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement; in response to a user's selection of a selected link enhancement, performing the selected link enhancement.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one link enhancement displayed comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it later, or anchor current Page.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:
opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement further comprises:
minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating a clickable item in a window;

associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

in response to a click event, proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating clickable item in a window;

associating the hyperlink at the current page with the clickable item;

opening the page associated with the selected hyperlink; and

in response to a click event proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink associated with the clickable item.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

11. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

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detecting means for detecting the presence of a pointer proximate a hyperlink;
display means for displaying a toolbar if the pointer remains proximate the
hyperlink greater than a predetermined time, the menu containing at least one link
enhancement; and
calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's
selection.

12. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11, wherein one of the at least one link
enhancement comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window
minimized, check it latter; or anchor current page.

13. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement
comprises: opening means for opening the page associated with the selected link in a new
browser window.

14. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 13 wherein the selected link enhancement further comprises: minimizing means for minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

15. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

16. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 15, where in the clickable item is a clickable label.

17. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 15, where in the clickable item is a clickable image.

18. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 11 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the hyperlink of the current page with the clickable item;

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink of the current page in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

19. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

displaying means for displaying a toolbar when the presence of the pointer is detected, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and
calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

20. A method for enhancing an hyperlink, the method comprising:

displaying a toolbar after a presence of a pointer is detected, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;
in response to a users selection, performing the selected link enhancement.

21. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

a hyperlink detector that receives a position signal from a cursor; and
a display system, the display system having a display, the display configured to display a page, the display configured to display a toolbar upon the display system receiving a toolbar display signal from the hyperlink detector, the displayed toolbar comprising at least one hyperlink enhancement for selection by a user.